ARSON CHARGED BY WIFE. John Yeager, an Astoria Druggist, Accused of Firing His Own House.

The home of John Yeager, a druggist who lives in Van Alst avenue, in the As- Consolidationists Make Artoria section of Long Island City, came nearly going up in smoke yesterday morn-.g. and now the police are looking for aim to explain circumstances that they agard as suspicious.

Their suspicions were aroused by a story told by Mrs. Yeager, who charges that her Speeches Limited to a Discushusband, exasperated by quarrels with her, took her best dress and saturated it with kerosene, then placed it in a clothes basket, covered it over with the pieces of a parlor table, and started a bonfire to consome his home, his children, and his wife.

Yeager is thirty-three years old, and his wife says that until he became a slave to liquor he was industrious and successful. He formerly lived in Connecticut. He had a flery temper, and was popular in Astoria with none but his children, two bright

girls of five and seven.

The Yeagers have been married ten years and lived in New York until they went to Astoria, two years ago. Their home is in a row of five houses, each occupied by two familles, and until Yeager broke the furniture yesterday morning it was fitted up

QUARRELLED WITH HIS WIFE, quarret Thursday morning and he left the lons.

muse in a rage. disking, and when he went to New York concealing private motives, expatiated I suppose he met his friends. He got back glowingly upon the universal benefits to about 3 o'clock in the morning, but I was follow the acceptance of their plans. And so afraid I had taken my children and had commissioner Parker said true, when, risgone upstairs to my neighbor. Mrs. Beck. I could hear him smash the formula to the consolidation bill, he could hear bim smash the furniture," she

she commenced weeping.
The Beck family—Mr. Beck, his wife and their son, a young man-said that Yeage made a great disturbance for about half an hour, and then for a few minutes everyhing was quiet. The younger Mr. Beck in the meantime had gone quietly to the door of the Yeager home, and, while listening to hear what Yeager was doing, he thought he smelled smoke. He called to the others, then knocked at the door, and, veceiving no response, broke it in. Yeager ran pas bim, and Beck saw, as he stepped into the hallway, that there was a blaze in the

It was in a big clothes basket, and Mr. Beck extinguished it with a bucket of

BURNED HIS WIFE'S DRESS. Beck investigated and found, he says, that a dress of Mrs. Yeager had been satneated with oil, that it had been placed in the bottom of the basket, then covered over with broken pieces of furniture, and had been left blazing in the middle of the

He has no doubt that Yeager had made the preparations carefully to destroy his home, and that he could not help knowing e was placing his wife and children in eril. Mrs. Yeager says, too, that she laks her husband was driven to the perate act by his rage, and that he be-

ed that she and their children were ser foom. He had taken her dress from loset, she said; it was the best dress owned, and the table that was audims wood was one of the access of furniture she prized.

The woman was so heart-broken that she

had not, up to last night, cleared up the debris of her home. Three blg mirrors were broken, parlor chairs were torn apart, a picture frame was splintered, and the rulns were scattered in every room except the one in which she and the children usually slept.

The children were asleep early last evening, and Mrs. Yeager led the way with a lamp to the crib as proudly as could a

mother in a happy home.
"It's too bad," she said, "that your papa should be so bad. He would never be so if it wasn't for his drinking." Delehanty, of the Long Island City

Fire Department, made an investigation yesterday and asked the police afterward to arrest Yeager if they could find him. Orders to this effect were given, but up to a late hour there had been no report of Yeager having been seen.

IN A HYPNOTIC SLEEP Victim Cannot Be Awakened Until a Week Has Passed-The Hypnotist Arrested and Fined.

Fort Wayne, Ind., April 3.-Santanelli, hypnotist, who has been exhibiting in this city, was arrested yesterday at the instance of the Humane Society, charged with assarlt upon the person of James Mahoney. ty night Santanelli put Mahoney

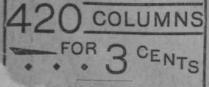
hypr 'c sleep, which is to last light. Santanelli's subject sleeping at the Temple Opera cuse, watched and guarded by medical tudents, who take the temperature, respiration and pulse horrly. The Humane Sodety is active to-day in an effort to secure iction against the hypnotist to awaken the subject, but have so far failed, as the medical students, most of the doctors and other subjects who have slept a week say they believe the sleep of six days will not

The sleeper's condition at noon to-day the fifth day of his sleep, is not discouraging. The pulse is 54 and respiration 18. Santanelli was taken into a jestice's court and fined for simple assault. The case has been appealed.

DETROIT ALDERMAN ACCUSED.

Bribery Charged in Connection with the Million-Dollar County Building.

Detroit, April 3,-Alderman Christopher Jacob, for whom a warrant was issued this morning for soliciting a bribe, surrendered himself in court this afternoon, and was released on \$2,000 ball. Jacob, who represents the Fifth Ward, is by virtue of his



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THEY ALL TALKED FOR THE GREATER CITY WITH PRIDE AND STATISTICAL REASONS.

guments Before Mayor Strong.

sion of the Merits of the Bill.

clare That He Favors a Union of the Cities.

COMMISSIONER PARKER SPEAKS.

Emphatically States That the Measure is Not a Political One-The "Machine" Had no Hand in Making It.

Advocates and opponents of Greater New York to the number of threescore assem-bled for the second time yesterday to shed According to his wife's story they had a upon Mayor Strong the light of their opin

Mayor Strong, reclining with easy grace 'He was soher then," she said, "but he on his seat on high, blinked and modded and lost his position because he had been serenely as vehement partisans, ingeniously



EX-JUDGE J. R. ANGELL



COUNSELLOR NOLAN.



sents the Fifth Ward, is by virtue of his office a member of the committee that was select plans and superintend the erection of the new \$1,00,000 county building. It is charged that Jacob went to the firm of E. E. Myers & Son and solleited money to secure the adoption of their plans. He demanded, according to the charges, in all \$28,000. Mr. Jacob is the most prominent member of the Council.

W. M. K. OLCOTT.

Temarked that nothing particularly new or really pertinent to the issue had been developed by any of the dozen speakers.

Mayor Strong opened the session with the following remarks: "We have had a good deal of discussion as to the consolidation and on the subject of Greater New tion and on the subject of Greater New

York generally. "Now, I may say I'm a consolidationists. and I even voted for consolidation. I guess most of the people in New York to-day are consolidationists, also. That much has been settled, but what I want to call your attention to to-day is the phraseology of this bill, and I'd like the discussion to want almaly to the province of this bill, with run simply on the merits of this bill with-our reference to anything else."

W. B. ELLISON SPEAKS. His Honor took his sent a nid applause, and then W. B. Ellison, who is a natural orator with an impressive delivery, arose and spoke, substantially, as follows, The measure in question is in my mind, the only fensible one at this time. It in effect de



MAYOR PATRICK J. GLEASON, OF LONG ISLAND CITY.

colidation until the commission to be appointed Grenter New York Commission, read a

remarked: "It is a well-known fact that a sents \$60,000,000."

Brooklyn man, when he travels, will al- Alderman W. M. K. Olcott made a brief,

REFUSED TO SPEAK.

Thomas Barrett, a paper manufacturer,

torical effect and fervor.

Then came Lawson N. Fuller with a very droll speech that amused the assemblinge immensely. "My remarks," he said, "will be confined to a consideration of that much be confined to a consideration of that much asks no favors of New York. Our city's reasons for introducing the bill, said: "We ask no favors of New York." Our city's cannot tell whether or not Mayor Wurster and the consideration of the much asks no favors of New York."

ways register at hotels as a citien of New concise legal argument in favor of the bill which, he said, was the most advantageou measure for all concerned at this period. COUNSELLOR NOLAN ON HAND.

solidation until the commission to be appointed thereunder can frame a charter for the greater city which the will prove acceptable to the Legislature, of which the Assembly shall have been elected, with this question again clearly before the people, as an issue. Surely here is no attempt to stifle the voices of those who are interested or arbitrarily foist upon them a distantion could be more liberation to which the matter of drawing in its scope than the plan proposed, and no legislation.

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James D. Lynch, an ex-Brooklyn man, followed with the opinion that Brooklyn men should have a vote in the administration of the municipality where they help to create wealth, as many of them do in New York. Referring to the pride a man takes in halling from a big city, Mr. Lynch remarked: "It is a well-known fact that a Brooklyn man, when he travels, will a should be called and the such complete the proposition in the public upon the questions involved.

Solve of the Board of Trace of the features of this bill, but there is no option that the said the bill was a simple proposition, and was merely a step to destain the the appointment of the commission to which the matter of drawing the appointment of the commission to which the matter of drawing the proposition, and was merely a step to destain the tempt to with the people, and the suppointment of the commission to which the matter of drawing the proposition, and was merely a step to draw the suppointment of the commission to which the matter of drawing the proposition, and was merely a step to draw the the matter of drawing the proposition and the suppointment of the commission There are all varieties of opinions as to the

Brooklyn People May Be Allowed to Vote on the Consolidation Charter Before Its Adoption.

Albany, April 3 .- The first public sign of and also an ex-Brooklynite, here began to As Mr. Olcott sat down amid applause, a manifested in its efforts to pass the Greater demonstrate the advantages of consolidation, but was twice interrupted and repadour, strode up toward the platform and thrusting his right hand into the flap of his troduced in the House the Lexow Consolitation. ter of the bill. This angered Mr. Barrett, Prince Albert coat, struck an impressive dation bill, with the Wray referendum and he stepped down, exclaiming that he attitude. It was Counsellor Nolan, the un-amendment as a rider, which gives what the had a good deal more to say, but "wouldn't conscious wit and laugh provoker of the Brooklyn politicians want, a chance for the say it."

New York bar. Mr. Nolan was understood people to vote on the charter prepared by Mornay Williams spoke next, favoring to be unfavorable to the consolidation the commission before it is adopted by the consolidation, with a great wealth of ora-Yorkers would be taxed "out of existence," the publication in the newspapers of the

be confined to a consideration of that much used phrase of yesterday. 'A plunge in the dark.'

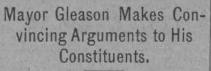
"Will Your Honor tell me of any great enterprise or achievement that was not a 'plunge in the dark,' be it political, social or matrimonial? I believe that those who don't ever plunge come out at the little end of the hora.

"I take a great interest in New York, and in her sister, Brooklyn, and I believe that fif we marry them it will be a very successful match. We are plunging in the dark all the time, and I believe in following wise plungers such as Andrew H. Green. This is his grandest plunge."

Albert E. Henschel, secretary of the said. "that Long Island City asks no favors of New York. Our city's financial condition is as good as New York's and better than Brooklyn's. I am so much in favor of annexation to New York that the easons for introducing the bill, said: "We cannot tell whether or not Mayor Wurster will disapprove the bill, but if he does the Legislature, to make it a law, would have to pass it again. The country members are rather alarmed at what they believe is a chance to make Brooklyn Democratic, and they might refuse to pass the bill,' I would pay no attention."

Ex-Judge J. R. Angel followed with an objection to consolidation on the general ground that there was no evident substantial benefit to follow an increase in the size of the municipality except a triumph over her growing rival, Chicago.

Then came the address of the session, that there was no favors of New York. Our city's cannot tell whether or not Mayor Wurster and better than Brooklyn's. I am so much if every one of my citizens was to stand up to pass it again. The country members are rather alarmed at what they be level is a chance to make Brooklyn Democratic, and they might be a chance to make it a law, would have to pass it again. The country members are rather alarmed at what they be level is a chance to make the lidits and the pass it again. The country is pass it again. The country members are rather alarmed at what they be lieve is



Long Island City Enthusiastically Indorses the Views of Its Chief.

The Council Unanimously Approves of the Greater New York Measure.

MR. GLEASON EXPECTS PROMOTION.

Consolidated Metropolis May Be a Son of His Own Town. The Hon. Patrick Jerome Gleason, Mayor

of Long Island City, was in his element last night. He had an opportunity to address an audience with absolute certainty that all his "rounded periods" would be received with appreciative applicate.

York, Jersey City or Hoboken to earn a dollar and a half a day. There will be work enough that all his "rounded periods" would be received with appreciative applicate.

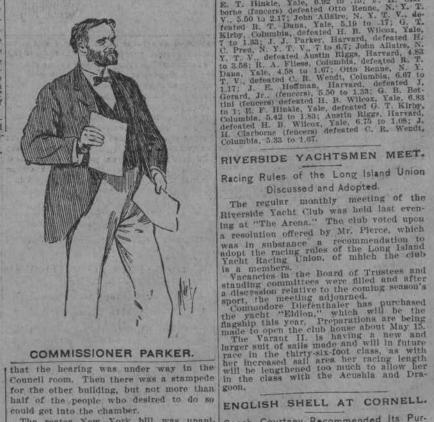
had been announced that the hearing was to be held in the Queens County Court House.



GEORGE J. GREENFIELD



ALBERT E. HENSHELL



President Smith, of the Long Island City
Board of Aldermen, acted as chairmen, and
Mayor Gleason occupied a seat on his left,
looking very proud and happy. The first
speaker was Henry M. Lehnson a real of the Cornell crew to the Henley regatta
on the Thames last year was the favorable
impression the English shells produced looking very proud and happy. The first speaker was Henry M. Johnson, a real estate dealer. Mr. Johnson dwelt at length upon the accessibility of Long Island City from all parts of Manhattan Island. It was, he said, nearer to the New York City Hall than was either Harlem, Hoboken or Jersey City, and any part of the island could be reached within forty minutes. Continuing he said:

Consolidation will bring prosperty to all the people of Long Island City. It will advance real that walles fully 40 per cent. As for myself, I

in real estate within three years. As it is now, when people want to buy anything, whether it is a pair of shoes, dry goods, groceries or postage stamps, they go over to a w York. When we are a part of the great metropolis the people

will spend their money here, for then we will have as big stores as they have across the river, HEARTHLY APPROVES THE BILL.

I regard this bill as one of the grandest pieces of legislation ever attempted. It involves the welfare of all classes of people. If it becomes a low there will be more money for the weeking. law there will be more money for the working-men, for the merchants and tradesmen and for investors of capital in Long Island City, I carnestly hope that no man's voice will be raised

against it.
Captain Thomas Cullom addressed the meeting as a representative of the workingmen of the city. Among other things he

I stand here as the friend of the toller who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow. We want no more such hard times as we had during the three years prior to 1896, and we all know that they were harder here than in any other part of the country. We will not have them, either, if we become a part of the greater New York. I am happy to say that your noble Executive the Mayor is working for the laboring man in endeavoring to have consolidation effected. He Drops a Hint That the Mayor of the

We have now only a little stream separating us from the golden city of this golden country. As soon as we become a part of that golden city corporations that pay high rents for buildings in Broadway will come over here and erect fine fac-tories. No more will we see our workingmen, with dinner pails in hand, crossing over to New that all his "rounded percent council room at the City Hall on the Greater New York bill, before the Mayor and Board of Alder.

MR. GLEASON WAS HAPPY.

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There was hearty applause at this reference to the Hon. Mr. Gleason, who looked Probably a hundred citizens waited there until 8:30 o'clock, when word was received was a long pause of expectancy, followed by more applause as His Honor arose to ad-

dress the meeting. Mr. Gleason said: I have fought for consolidation at every election for the last five years. At the last election I made consolidation the issue. Last year I had a bill drawn up making Long Island City one of the wards of New York, but it failed to pass. I am not tired of Long Island City and I am not ashamed of it, but I admit that I would like to be a resident of New York, as we will all be before long. But we will stay right here just the

I expect to live and die in Long Island City, I expect to live and die in Long Island cut, where the people have honored me so much, but I want to be part of the metropolis. There can be no doubt about the benefits that will come with the Greater New York. We will then have the very best municipal government. All the best intelligence in the world is to be found in New York—the greatest bankers, the finest law-

New York—the greatest banaces, the masse have yers and the wissest statesmen.

New York will derive even more benefit from the consolidation than we will. It will obtain possession of the finest water front property there is to be had. And it will be enabled to bury its dead within its own city limits. Then the Long Island Railroad and the Standard Oil Conserve will not be able to evade the payment. Company will not be able to evade the payment

Company will not be and to evane the paymens of their taxes.

I know of no reason why I should not sign the bill, and there are many reasons why I should sim it. It will make New York a place to do business in and Long Island City will become the home of the masses of tollers.

Who knows but what Long Island City may furnish the first Mayor for the Greater New York?

There was loud cheering as His Honor losed his address with that query, and the citizens nudged each other and looked knowing, as if they really believed that the Honorable Patrick Jerome Greason might succeed the Honorable William L. Strong In the New York City Hall.

At the end of the Mayor's speech the

Board voted unanimously in favor of the

JUNIOR FOIL FIGHTERS. Young Swordsmen Fought Fifty Bouts for the Roosevelt Medals at the Fen-

cers' Club Last Night. The initial bouts in the team tournament of junior swordsmen for the Roosevelt medals were begun at the Fencers' Club, No. 37 West Twenty-second street, last night, before a large gathering. Harvard, Yale, Columbia, the N. Y. Turn Verein and the Fencers' Club teams were the victorious ones. Seven rounds, or over fifty bouts, were necessary to decide on the

Harvard's team has heretofore been in the first class, but never having won were eligible in this contest, and now look like winners. The Fencers' Club team have also been first class men for five years, while the Yale and Columbia boys made their first appearance. The summaries follow:

RIVERSIDE YACHTSMEN MEET. Racing Rules of the Long Island Union Discussed and Adopted.

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside Yacht Club was held last even-ing at "The Arena." The club voted upon resolution offered by Mr. Pierce, which was in substance a recommendation to adopt the racing rules of the Long Island Yacht Racing Union, of mhich the club-

The reater New York bill was unant-mously approved, not a voice being raised chase and it Will Be Tried. chase, and It Will Be Tried.

MAYOR STRONG LISTENING TO THE CONSOLIDATIONISTS.